

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

1. Rejection of claims 1-2 and 7-8 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e):

Claims 1-2 and 7-8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Hollstrom et al. (US 2002/0041588).

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Response:

The applicant would like to point out how claims 1 and 2 are patentably distinct from Hollstrom. Claim 1 recites that after the computer receives voice sounds, the voice sounds are converted to a voice packet and sent to the GPRS card through the USB. The GPRS card then transmits the voice signal wirelessly. Claim 2 teaches processing received voice signals, and contains substantially the opposite steps of claim 1.

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Hollstrom teaches in Fig.1 that a telephone 2 communicates with a GSM base station 16. An accessory device 8 is used for playing audio files on the telephone 2. Audio files can be downloaded onto a memory card 7 inserted in the accessory device 8 through an adaptor 6 that is connected to a PC 3.

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Although Hollstrom teaches in paragraphs [0019] and [0038] that the telephone 2 can be adapted for using GPRS and that the adapter 6 can use a USB interface, Hollstrom does not teach all of the limitations contained in claims 1 and 2. First of all, Hollstrom does not teach receiving voice sounds on a computer. Therefore, Hollstrom also does not teach converting the received voice sounds into a voice packet, sending the voice packet to the GPRS card through a USB connection, and using the GPRS card to convert and wirelessly transmit the voice packets. Regarding claim 2, Hollstrom also does not teach sending voice packets from the GPRS card to the computer system over the USB connection, and also does not teach the computer

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system playing the voice sounds.

For these reasons, Hollstrom does not teach all of the limitations of claims 1 and 2, and claims 1 and 2 are therefore patentable over Hollstrom. Claims 7-8 are dependent on claim 1, and should be allowable if claim 1 is allowed.

Reconsideration of claims 1-2 and 7-8 is respectfully requested.

2. Rejection of claims 3-4 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a):

Claims 3-4 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hollstrom et al. (US 2002/0041588) in view of Cupps et al. (US 2002/0173344).

Response:

Claim 3 and 4 recite that the computer contains a microphone and a speaker system for recording and playing voice sounds, respectively. Cupps teaches in paragraph [0062] along with Figure 5 that a mobile phone 300 contains a microphone 304 and speaker 305. Cupps does not teach that a computer contains these devices, and is used to send sound signals to a GPRS card. Similarly, Cupps also teaches in paragraph [0067] along with Figure 8 that a docking station 800 is used to interface with the mobile phone 300. However, Cupps does not teach that the docking station 800 is used to send voice signals to the mobile phone 300 for the mobile phone to transmit wirelessly. Therefore, Cupps does not teach all of the conditions of claims 3 and 4 since Cupps does not teach a computer system having a microphone or a speaker system.

Furthermore, claims 3-4 are dependent on claim 1, and should be allowed if claim 1 is allowed. Reconsideration of claims 3-4 is respectfully requested.

3. Rejection of claims 5-6 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a):

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Claims 5-6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hollstrom et al. (US 2002/0041588) in view of Timis et al. (US 5,792,971).

Response:

5 Claims 5-6 are dependent on claim 1, and should be allowed if claim 1 is allowed. Reconsideration of claims 5-6 is respectfully requested.

4. Rejection of claims 9-10 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a):

10 Claims 9-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hollstrom et al. (US 2002/0041588) in view of Rader et al. (US 6,944,474).

Response:

15 Claims 9-10 are dependent on claim 1, and should be allowed if claim 1 is allowed. Reconsideration of claims 9-10 is respectfully requested.

Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

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